(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of allotment of railway wagons for the transportation of foodgrains during each of the last two years and current year so far;

(d) whether the number of allotted wagons are sufficient and

(e) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to provide more wagons for the transportation of foodgrains on the permanent basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A representation was received from the Federation of All India Foodgrain Dealers Association, Delhi, regarding restoration of Quick Transit Service (QTS) ex Delhi to Madras for moving the foodgrains. The QTS has, however, already been abolished as per a policy decision taken by the Ministry of Railways.

(c) to (e) As per the Governmental directions movement of foodgrains offered by Food Corporation of India is given higher priority to meet the overall demands of the Nation. The movement of foodgrains on the Trade account is also given due consideration. However, due to operational exigencies and priorities for other commodities, certain time lag between placement of indent and supply of wagons is inescapable. As on 22.11.1996 indents registered five days back only were outstanding which is quite satisfactory. There are no wagons earmarked only for foodgrains and wagons are allotted as per priority to oldest date of registration. Loading of Public foodgrains in Delhi area from 1994-95 to 1996-97 (upto 22.11.96) is as under :-

Period (Year)	Loading	Withdrawn
1994-95	1434	77
1995-96	3520	15971
1996-97 (Upto 22.11.96)	3839	31817

Allotment of Private Shops in Delhi Poet Office

1074. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that a number of private shops have been allotted in the Post Offices of Delhi circle;

(b) if so, the norms/critaria/rules laid down for such allotment;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the shops have been allotted to the minions of the officers in violation of rules;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct any enquiry in this regard; and

(e) in not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Fifteen (15) post shops have been opened in Post Offices in Delhi Circle. The scheme of post shops is to provide an outlet in the post offices for items having synergy with post offices business. Details of the scheme are given in the Statement enclosed.

(c) No, Sir. These post shops have been allotted after observing the due formalities.

(d) and (e) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

STATEMENT

Details of the Scheme for Post Shop

1. Post shops can be opened in post offices functioning in Departmental buildings where adequate space is available.
2. Proposals/tenders are invited from members of the public for opening such post shops. These are examined by a committee comprising Chief Post Master General, Circle Internal Financial Adviser and Supdt. Engineer (Civil).
3. All things being equal, the highest bid in terms of emuneration offered in return for opening the post shop is accepted.
4. The expenditure for errection of any counter etc. for operating the post shop is to be borne by the selected applicant.
5. The post shop functions during office hours of the post office.

Amount Received from Licences

1075. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount in terms of licence is expected to be realised from the telecom licences awarded till now during next ten years;

(b) total amount in this regard which has been figured in the present budget of the Government; and

(c) the name of the licence payees up till now?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) The required information for (a), (b) and (c) is given in the enclosed statement I, II and III respectively.